

REMARKS

The present patent application has been reviewed in light of the office action, dated August 5, 2005, in which claims 1, 2, 4, 6-7, and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Li, U.S. Patent No. 6,739,726 (hereinafter "Li").

Claims 30, 34, and 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Chuang, U.S. Patent No. 6,527,420 (hereinafter "Chuang").

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li further view of Booth et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,111,618 (hereinafter "Booth").

Claims 8-10, 13-14, and 28-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Li in further view of Chuang.

Claims 16-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihalakis, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0176054 (hereinafter "Mihalakis") in view of Li.

Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihalakis is view of Li and further in view of Butterworth et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,005,722 (hereinafter "Butterworth").

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihalakis in view of Li and further in view of Chuang.

Claims 21, 23, 39-40, and 42 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihalakis in view of Chuang.

Claims 22 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihalakis in view of Chuang, and further in view of Li.

Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mihalakis in view of Chuang, and further in view of Butterworth.

Claims 31 and 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuang in view of Li.

Claim 35 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chuang in view of Booth.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-21, 23-30, 33-38, and 39-42 have been amended. Claim 15 was previously withdrawn. Claims 5, 22, 31-32, and 38 have been cancelled. Claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-21, 23-30, 33-38, and 39-42 are pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and § 103(a)

None of the Li, Chuang, Booth, Mihalakis, and Butterworth patents/applications disclose "wherein the first light rays exit the CPC with an étendue less than about $7 \text{ mm}^2 \cdot \text{sr}$ " as claimed in claim 1. Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by any of the Li, Chuang, Booth, Mihalakis, and Butterworth patents/applications. Further, any combination of the Li, Chuang, Booth, Mihalakis, and Butterworth patents/applications would fail to provide all of the limitations of claim 1, and therefore claim 1 patentably distinguishes from the Li, Chuang, Booth, Mihalakis, and Butterworth patents/applications. Claims 16, 21, 25, 30, 37, and 39 include similar limitations to the limitation of claim 1 discussed above. Therefore, claims 1, 16, 21, 25, 30, 37, and 39, and the claims that depend from them, are distinguished from and patentable over the Li, Chuang, Booth, Mihalakis, and Butterworth patents/applications. It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the rejection as to these claims.

It is noted that claimed subject matter may be patentably distinguished from the cited patents and/or patent application for additional reasons; however, the foregoing is believed to be sufficient. Likewise, it is noted that the Assignee's failure to comment directly upon any of

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the positions asserted by the Examiner in the office action does not indicate agreement or acquiescence with those asserted positions.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in the present patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439-6500. Reconsideration of the present patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3703.

Respectfully submitted,

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